

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE : PUMP MOTOR WITH BEARING PRELOAD  
CUSTOMER NO. : 23638  
APPLICANT : HARGRAVES et al.  
EXAMINER : Not yet assigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

After filing and prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** None.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.